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1. SUMMARY: THE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION FOR THE SEVENTEENTH CPC (MAY 9) RE-ELECTED PETER HANSEN (DENMARK) AS CHAIRMAN, APPROVED THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA AS CONTAINED IN E/AC.51/81, AND APPROVED AS ROUGH SCHEDULE OF WORK (BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT). END SUMMARY.
2. THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAM AND COORDINATION (CPC) WAS HELD ON MAY 9. AS THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS, PETER HANSEN (DENMARK) WAS RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN. OTHER BUREAU POSITIONS ARE TO BE FILLED AT THE FORMAL MEETING OF THE CPC SCHEDULED TO BEGIN MAY 23.
3. PRIOR TO THIS MEETING HANSEN HAD INFORMALLY CONSULTED WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROVISIONAL OUTLINE AS CONTAINED IN E/AC.51/81. ON THE BASIS OF THESE
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CONSULTATIONS, HE OFFERED THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON THE ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED.

A. REPORT OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT ON EXTERNAL EVALUATION: IN THE ABSENCE OF A SPECIFIC EXTERNAL EVALUATION STUDY, THE GENERAL REPORT ON EXTERNAL EVALUATION METHODOLOGY (JIU/REP/77/1) COULD SERVE AS A BASIS FOR A GENERAL

INTRODUCTORY DISCUSSION OF EVALUATION METHODOLOGY AND PROCEDURES, AND THE ROLE OF CPC IN THIS CONTEXT (TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED MAY 23 WITH JIU CHAIRMAN PRESENT).

B. 1977 CONSIDERATION OF PROGRAMS IN DEPTH: OPU, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, TRANSPORTS, AND ENVIRONMENT SCHEDULED FOR IN-DEPTH CONSIDERATION. WITH REGARD TO OPI, A CENTRAL QUESTION MIGHT BE THE CLEAR DEFINITION OF SUB-PROGRAMS AND A CLEAR RELATIONSHIP TO THE OPI ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE. OTHER QUESTIONS INVOLVE COORDINATION OF OVER-ALL UN INFORMATION SYSTEM AND THE LACK OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW/GOVERNING BODY FOR OPI. WITH REGARD TO TRANSPORT, THE CENTRAL PROBLEM IS THAT THE CURRENT MANDATE IS DATED. SPECIFIC CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HEADQUARTERS ACTIVITIES AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS. WITH REGARD TO HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HABITAT MANDATE AS WELL AS TO INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. FINALLY, WITH REGARD TO ENVIRONMENT, THE CENTRAL PROBLEM IS THE NEED FOR CLARITY WITH REGARD TO UNEP'S CENTRAL COORDINATION FUNCTION, IN PARTICULAR WITH REGARD TO REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS. (OPI IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO BE DISCUSSED MAY 24-26; HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, MAY 26-31; TRANSPORT, JUNE 2-3; AND ENVIRONMENT, JUNE 10-14).

C. 1978 CONSIDERATION OF PROGRAMS IN DEPTH: COMMITTEE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO GIVE IN-DEPTH CONSIDERATION TO DEVELOPMENT PLANNING PROJECTIONS AND POLICIES, OCEAN ECONOMICS AND TECHNOLOGY, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, AND SOCIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS IN 1978. ACCORDINGLY, HANSEN SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE MIGHT WISH TO GIVE EXTRA ATTENTION TO THESE PROGRAMS AT THE 17TH SESSION IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY PROBLEM AREAS TO SERVE AS A BASIS FOR THE SECRETARIAT IN PREPARING DOCUMENTS FOR THE 1978 SESSION. (TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 2-3.)

D. OTHER PROGRAMS: RATHER THAN ATTEMPT A MAJOR REVIEW, HANSEN SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE FOCUS ON THE DIVERGENCE BETWEEN THE PRIORITIES VIZ. RELATIVE GROWTH RATES BETWEEN THE PROGRAM BUDGET AND THE APPROVED MEDIUM-TERM PLAN. (TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 6-7.)

3. COORDINATION PROBLEMS: TO INCLUDE REVIEW OF ACABQ REPORTS, REPORTS OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, AND ACC/CPC JOINT MEETING. (TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 8-9.)

4. THE FOLLOWING POINTS EMERGED IN THE ENSURING DISCUSSION:

A. THERE WAS A GENERAL RELUCTANCE TO ENTER INTO AN EX-AMINATION OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, IN PARTICULAR INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, AT THIS SESSION. ALTHOUGH NOT DELETED AS A PROGRAM FOR IN-DEPTH CONSIDERATION, IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT ANY REAL WORK WOULD BE DEFERRED TO THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION.

B. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS INCLUDING THE U. S. EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF IDENTIFYING OBSOLETE PROGRAMS, AND IT WAS AGREED THAT THE SECRETARIAT WOULD BEAR THIS IN MIND IN MAKING THEIR PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE.

C. SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN CPC AND ACABQ. CHAIRMAN HANSEN WAS EMPOWERED TO RECALL TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACABQ THE STANDING INVITATION THAT HE PARTICIPATE IN CPC MEETINGS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND TO CONSULT WITH THE ACABQ CHAIRMAN WITH A VIEW TO

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ENSURING THAT CPC RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF ACABQ.

5. ON THE BASIS OF THE ABOVE, DISCUSSIONS THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA WAS APPROVED. THE MISSION IS TRANSMITTING TO THE DEPARTMENT THE DRAFT SCHEDULE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK. SINCE ALL BUSINESS WAS COMPLETED ON MAY 9, THE SCHEDULED MAY 10 MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELED.

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